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NONFICTION

At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years, 1965-68 (volume 3)

by Branch, Taylor
E185.615.B67 2006

Beyond the Down Low: Sex, Lies, and Denial in Black America

by Boykin, Keith
HQ74.2.U5B69 2005

Born to Slow Horses

by Brathwaite, Kamau
PR9230.9.B68B67 2005

Bright Boulevards, Bold Dreams: The Story of Black Hollywood

by Bogle, Donald
PN1995.9.N4B59 2005

Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and the Color of Disaster

by Dyson, Michael Eric
(on order)

Complicity: How the North Promoted, Prolonged, and Profited From Slavery

by Farrow, Anne and Lang, Joel and Frank, Jenifer
E441.F35 2005

Creating Their Own Image: The History of African-American Women Artists

by Farrington, Lisa E.
N6538.N5F27 2005

Finding Martha's Vineyard: African Americans at Home on an Island

by Nelson, Jill
F72.M5N45 2005

Forbidden Fruit: Love Stories from the Underground Railroad

by DeRamus, Betty
E450.D47 2005

Freedom in this Village: Twenty-five Years of Black Gay Men's Writing, 1979 to the Present

edited by Harris, E. Lynn
PS509.H57F74 2005x

Hung: A Meditation on the Measure of Black Men in America

by Poulson-Bryant, Scott
E185.86.P667 2005

Is Bill Cosby Right?: Or Has the Black Middle Class Lost Its Mind?

by Dyson, Michael Eric
E185.86.D945 2005

Make it Happen: The Hip-Hop Generation Guide to Success

by Liles, Kevin
HF5386.L595 2005

The Maverick Room

by Ellis, Thomas Sayers
PS3555.L6168 M38 2005

On the Up and Up: A Survival Guide for Women Living with Men on the Down Low

by Browder, Brenda Stone and Hunter, Karen
HQ74.2.U5B76 2005

The Oxford Anthology of African-American Poetry

by Rampersad, Arnold
PS591.N4O97 2006

Queens: Portraits of Black Women and Their Fabulous Hair

by Cunningham, Michael and
Alexander, George
TR681.W6C86 2005

Rebecca's Revival: Creating Black Christianity in the Atlantic World

by Sensbach, Jon F.
BV3785.P74S46 2005

The Shame of the Nation: The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America

by Kozol, Jonathan
LC212.62.K69 2005

What I Learned from Jackie Robinson: A Teammate's Reflections On and Off the Field

by Erskine, Carl and Rocks, Burton
GV865.R6E77 2005

Your Inner Eve: Discovering God's Woman Within

by Newman, Susan
BV4527.N495 2005

DVDs

Brother to Brother

An elderly man, poet Bruce Nugent, meets a young, black, gay artist struggling to find his voice. Together they embark on a journey through his inspiring past.

Crash

A car accident brings together a group of strangers in Los Angeles. Crash takes a provocative, unflinching look at the complexities of racial tolerance in contemporary America. (Rated R)

Diary of a Mad Black Woman

A woman who has it all is forced to pick up the pieces of her life when her husband divorces her for another woman. (Rated PG-13)

Fade to Black

The final live show of multi-platinum, Grammy-award winning artist, Jay-Z, at Madison Square Garden. (Rated R)
M1630.18F

Hustle and Flow

Rapper DJay dreams of becoming the next big rap superstar, working all the angles to get his first record made. When he hears that rap star Skinny Black is heading to his area, DJay decides to throw together a supreme hustle to grab Skinny's attention. (Rated R)

Ray

Ray Charles went blind at the age of seven. Inspired by his mother who insisted he make his own way, he found his calling at the keyboard. 'Ray' follows as he overcomes drug addiction while becoming one of the country's most beloved performers. (Rated PG-13)

LIVES

The Autobiography of Medgar Evers: A Hero's Life and Legacy Revealed Through His Writings, Letters, and Speeches

By Evers, Medgar Wiley
F349.J13.A3 2005

The B.B. King Treasures: Photos, Mementos & Music from B.B. King's Collection

by King, B. B. and Waterman, Dick
ML420.K473A3 2005x

Biggie: Voletta Wallace Remembers Her Son

by Wallace, Voletta with McKenzie, Tremell
ML420.N76W35 2005

Dizzy: The Life and Times of John Birks Gillespie

by Maggin, Donald L.
ML419.G54M34 2005

Dream Boogie: The Triumph of Sam Cooke

by Guralnick, Peter
ML420.C665G83 2005

Driven from Within

by Jordan, Michael
GV884.J67A278 2005

The Fabulous Sylvester: The Legend, the Music, the 70s in San Francisco

by Gamson, Joshua
ML420.S9815G36 2005

I'm Just a DeeJay But--It Makes Sense to Me

by Joyner, Tom and Boyce, Mary Flowers
ML429.J83A3 2005

Mirror to America: The Autobiography of John Hope Franklin

by Franklin, John Hope
E175.5.F73A3 2005

Room Full of Mirrors: A Biography of Jimi Hendrix

by Cross, Charles R.
ML410.H476C76 2005

Spike Lee: That's My Story and I'm Sticking to It

by Aftab, Kaleem
PN1998.3.L44A68 2005

Wilt, 1962: The Night of 100 Points and the Dawn of a New Era

by Pomerantz, Gary M.
GV885.7.P66 2005

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is a list of recent
books, movies, and music
concerning the
African American experience,
published as part of the
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Black History Month.

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the memory of
Jacquelyn Hogan,
who gave 30 years
of service to the
Boston Public Library. She
was a long-time member
and valued advisor to the
Black Is... committee.

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FICTION

72 Hour Hold: A Novel

by Campbell, Bebe Moore

A woman's promising future is altered when her child is affected by a serious mental illness. *FIC*

Because of Grace

by Norman-Bellamy, Kendra

The sequel to *For Love and Grace*, this novel continues the love story between Grace and Greg. *FIC*

Boss Lady

by Tyree, Omar

Tracy Ellison Grant is in charge again in Tyree's latest *Flyy Girl* novel (after *For the Love of Money and Flyy Girl*). This time she is mentor to her go-getter younger cousin, Vanessa Tracy Smith, who narrates this glitzy urban story about the payoff of hard work. *FIC*

Can't Get Enough: A Novel

by Briscoe, Connie

The sequel to *P.G. County*, this novel continues the tale of lust, greed and revenge that drives the well-to-do African American residents of suburban Silver Lake, MD. *FIC*

Caught in the Mix

by Dow, Candice

A love story about the strain of long-distance love, the pull of high-powered careers, the well-meaning-but-misdirected advice of friends, and the strong allure of new passion. *FIC*

Choose Me

by Ruiz, Xenia

Told in alternating voices, the story of a Puerto Rican woman and an African American man who find love through a stronger relationship with God. *FIC*

Cinnamon Kiss

by Mosley, Walter

The tenth novel in the "Easy Rawlins" series, this one finds the detective desperately trying to save his adopted daughter from a mysterious illness. *FIC*

Getting Hers

by Hill, Donna

Three unlikely accomplices—all members of the men-are-dogs club—join forces to right the wrongs they've suffered in this page-turning tale of murder, intrigue and revenge. *FIC*

The Interruption of Everything

by McMillan, Terry

Middle-age finds Marilyn in a struggle to discover herself outside the constraints of a passionless marriage, a demanding family and an ever-growing list of dreams deferred. *FIC*

On Beauty

by Smith, Zadie

Struggling with a stale marriage and the misguided passions of his three adult children, art professor Howard Belsey finds his family life thrown into turmoil by his son's engagement to the socially prominent daughter of a right-wing icon. *FIC*

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Saved in the City

by Thomas, Jacquelin

The journey of three strangers from different backgrounds with diverse personalities who have one thing in common, the dream of becoming a successful model. *FIC*

Small Island

by Levy, Andrea

A historical novel about Jamaicans who emigrate to post-WWII London, and their relationships with a white woman, and also racist attitudes in the American and British armies and English society. 2004 Whitbread Award. 2004 Orange Prize for Fiction. *FIC*

Third Girl from the Left

by Southgate, Martha

This novel follows three generations of black women, as they struggle to break free of tradition and fulfill their desire for self-expression. *FIC*

Upstate

by Buckhanon, Kalisha

In jail after being charged with his father's murder, seventeen-year-old Antonio finds his love with sixteen-year-old Natasha tested and engages in a desperate ten-year correspondence with her from behind bars. *FIC*

47

by Mosley, Walter

Number 47, a fourteen-year-old slave boy growing up under the watchful eye of a brutal master in 1832, meets the mysterious Tall John, who introduces him to a magical science and also teaches him the meaning of freedom. *FIC*

Autobiography of My Dead Brother

by Myers, Walter Dean

Jesse pours his heart and soul into his sketchbook to make sense of life in his troubled Harlem neighborhood and of the loss of a close friend. *FIC*

Bang!

by Flake, Sharon

A teenage boy must face the harsh realities of inner city life, a disintegrating family, and destructive temptations as he struggles to find his identity as a young man. *FIC*



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